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Bean Offers Constituents Opportunity to Sign Condolence Book for Pope John Paul II

*Residents Can Visit Schaumburg Office Friday and Saturday to Sign Book
Destined for Vatican*

SCHAUMBURG, IL - U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean (IL-8) is offering district residents an opportunity to sign a condolence book and offer their thoughts on the passing of Pope John Paul II by visiting her district office in Schaumburg on Friday between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, or Saturday between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. The book will then be sent to the Vatican.

Bean's statement on the Pope's passing:

"People in every corner of the world admired Pope John Paul II's steadfast dedication to his spiritual mission. He was a great leader of his faith whose influence extended beyond the realm of the church. His solidarity with those seeking freedom in Eastern Europe inspired a march for democracy that forever changed international history."

"To Catholics and non-Catholics alike, his kindness, humanity, and courage were an inspiration made even more powerful by the manner in which he confronted his own illness and suffering."

"This son of Krakow was also a source of exceptional pride and hope for the millions in the Chicago suburbs with whom he shared his Roman Catholic faith or Polish heritage. He will be just as missed here as he will be in every nation on Earth. While we mourn his death, we can also take comfort that his legacy will endure for generations."

Bean's Schaumburg office is located at 1430 Meacham Road, between Algonquin and Golf Roads. Residents may call the office at (847) 519-3434 for more information.